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DALTON-IN-FURNESS URBAN DISTRICT, 1945.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District Council.**

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1945 on the sanitary circumstances, administration and vital statistics of your District.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 5,026.

Population 10,460.

Number of inhabited houses 3,100.

Rateable Value £40,346.

Amount produced by a Penny Rate £157.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.—There were 162 births, 82 male and 80 female, giving a birth-rate of 15.4 per 1,000, as compared with a rate of 19.6 per 1,000 in 1944. Twelve of the total births were of illegitimate children.

DEATHS.—During the year 1945, 138 deaths of residents were registered, 88 male and 50 female, giving a death-rate of 13.1 per 1,000, as compared with a rate of 12 per 1,000 in 1944. The age periods at which the deaths occurred were:—

Under 1 year	1-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	70-	80-	90-	Total
9	4	—	1	4	6	2	9	20	26	38	18	1	138

CAUSES OF DEATH.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—There were 9 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, giving an infantile mortality rate of 55.5 per 1,000 registered live births. The sex, age and cause of the deaths were:—1 female, 15 minutes, Cerebral Hæmorrhage, Forceps delivery; 1 male, 3 hours, Intra-uterine malnutrition; 1 male, 2 days, Spina-bifida; 1 male, 2 weeks, Marasmus, premature twin birth; 1 male, 2 months, Broncho-pneumonia; 1 male, 4 months, Gastro-enteritis; 1 male, 4 months, Broncho-pneumonia; 1 male, 5 months, accidentally suffocated; 1 male, 5 months, Hydrocephalus (congenital).

DEATHS FROM DIARRHŒA & ENTERITIS under 2 years of age—one.

MATERNAL MORTALITY. — One death was registered as due to Exhaustion, Puerperal Mania, Forceps delivery, Paralytic ileus.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (other than Tuberculosis).—None.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—Eight;

DISEASES OF THE HEART & BLOOD VESSELS,—In 65 cases death was ascribed to diseases of the heart and blood-vessels, namely—Heart Disease 40; Cerebral Hæmorrhage 15; Coronary Thrombosis 4; other diseases of the circulatory system 6.

CANCER,—21 deaths were attributed to Cancer, brief particulars of these are given below:—

Site of Disease	Male	Female
Uterus	—	2
Stomach	1	1
Prostate	2	—
Colon	—	2
Rectum	1	1
Breast	—	2
All other sites	4	5
	8	13

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.—There were 3 deaths from lobar pneumonia and 3 from broncho-pneumonia.

OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH were:— Senility 6; Accidentally killed 4; other causes of death 18.

Incidence of Infectious Disease during the five years 1940-44 compared with that for 1945.

DISEASE						1945		
	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	Number of Cases	Removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	9	10	1	1	—
Diphtheria	—	3	1	2	1	—	—	—
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Measles	88	26	2	210	2	97	—	—
Whooping Cough	33	6	—	34	—	22	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	4	24	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia & Fever	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	2	1	1	4	1	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	125	40	7	258	22	146	2	NIL.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.—During 1945, a total of 167 children completed the full course of immunisation, namely 141 under 5 years of age, and 26 between the ages of 5 and 15. No cases of diphtheria have been notified in immunised children in the whole Ulverston Combined Sanitary District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.—Bacteriological investigations continue to be carried out on behalf of the Council at the Ministry of Health Emergency Pathological Service Laboratory established at the High Carley Sanatorium.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

Age Periods Years		New Cases				Deaths			
		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
20	...	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
25	...	3	3	1	—	—	1	—	—
35	...	3	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
45	...	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
55	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		19	7	1	2	7	1	0	0
		20		3		8		0	
		23				8			

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is appended.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES ROBERTSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

To the Chairman and Members of the Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary conditions of the District during the year ended 31st December, 1945.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	180
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	277
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	3
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	5
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	0

2. *Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	143
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—*

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which informal statutory notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	...			0
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	...	...	...	2
(a) By owners	...	...	...	2
(b) By local authority in default of owners				0

4. *Housing Act, 1936 —Part IV.—Overcrowding:—*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	11
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...			12
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...			63
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	9
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	0
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	...	...	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY. —Survey of all cowsheds being made by Sanitary Inspector and it is hoped that after the initial inspection at least two visits will be made to each cowshed, in each year.

FOOD INSPECTION. —Various articles of food have been inspected and condemnation notes were issued when food was found to be unsound.

REFUSE COLLECTION. —A weekly collection of refuse is being carried out by the Council under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. L. WILKINSON,

Sanitary Inspector.



